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1. [] - JGO) Received a call from Jack Nugent, who identified himself as being with the Republican Research Committee, House of Representatives, located at 1620 Longworth House Office Building. He asked for the latest version of the publication "World Oil '71 Facts and Figures" for the Committee use. I told him that the last issue was 1971 but that in any event I would get a copy of the latest issue to him.

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2. [] - JGO) Received a call from Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who asked if he might have a copy of the Agency publication "World Oil '71 Facts and Figures" for Committee use. I told him that I would get a copy to him as soon as possible.

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3. [] JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him four additional copies of the intelligence community budget "horseblanket." This is a followup to Chairman Mahon's request to Preston that a copy be given to each member of the Special Group. Preston told me that the reduction in Agency budget was in line with the amounts discussed earlier in the week with Charles Briggs, D/PPB, and myself. Mr. Briggs has been advised.

I also gave Preston a copy of the Agency study "Costing of Soviet Defense Effort: Estimating Procurement Costs of Naval Ships and Boats."

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4. [] JGO) Delivered Copy No. 1 of 3 of the transcript of the DCI and D briefing of House Armed Services Committee on 23 October 1973 concerning the Middle East to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the House Armed Services Committee. The transcript will be retained by that office in a sealed envelope for delivery to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel for the Committee, upon his return to the office.

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5. (Secret - JGO) Delivered Copy No. 2 of 3 of the transcript of the DCI and DOD briefing of House Armed Services Committee on 23 October 1973 concerning the Middle East to Jack Marsh, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

6. (Confidential - GLC) Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say that the unclassified paper I had left with him on functions and responsibilities of the Agency and the classified document containing our assessment of Soviet weapons used in the Middle East looked good to him, but he wanted to be sure that he could give the unclassified paper to Chairman McClellan to use in any way he saw fit. I told him that the paper was unclassified and was prepared for the Chairman's use in his own discretion.

7. (Unclassified - GLC) Accompanied [] OTR, to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee room where he gave a talk on the Agency to a group of students from Mount Anthony High School, Bennington, Vermont. (This was done at the request of Representative Richard Mallary (R., Vt.)) Several members of this group as well as one of the teachers were anti-Government and hostile to the Agency. The session lasted for one and one-half hours.

8. (Secret - GLC) In view of his interest in the recent upheaval in Thailand, I provided John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, with an intelligence memorandum entitled "Thailand: The Fall of a Government." Goldsmith was most appreciative and said he would return the document after he had had a chance to study it.

9. (Unclassified - LLM) George Gilbert, Legislative Reference Division OMB, called to ask if our classification of the proposed report to Chairman Stennis on S. 1935 (Proxmire Bill) was classified for administrative purposes only or because classified information was involved. I explained that the report was classified for the latter purpose and this classification was a logical extension of our position that it would be injurious to acknowledge in federal statute that the U.S. engages in covert action. Gilbert appreciated our position and said distribution of our report would be handled accordingly.

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